

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, will hold public hearings [as scheduled below*] for the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Oahu to consider the proposed amendments to the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapters: 13-234-3, 13-234-4, 13-234-5, 13-234-25, and 13-234-34 as they relate to fee increases for recreational mooring rates at state boating facilities, offshore mooring rates, mooring without permission, commercial fees for vessels at state boating facilities, and annual user fees for state boating ramps.

This is a second round of hearings on these proposed rules as the fee schedule was significantly reduced after the October 5, 2002 hearings. The rules, as now proposed, will increase recreational mooring fees an average of 25% to 40% depending on the specific harbor, in the first year that the new rules take effect. Conditioned upon legislative authorization for two new \$10 million CIP authorizations using reimbursable bonds for state boating facility improvements, all state boating facilities will have additional across the board mooring fee increases of 8% each for each of the years.

The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation also proposed increasing the commercial permittee's fees from two per cent of gross receipts to three per cent (Act 126 of the 2005 Legislative session has preempted this action). The full proposed rule change will proceed to public hearing to assure that there is compatibility with existing rules.

All interested parties are invited to attend and to present their views on the proposed amendments, either orally or in writing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearing or mailed to the Chairperson's Office (DLNR Chairperson's Office at P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809) any time prior to October 31, 2005.

A copy of the proposed rule changes will be mailed at no charge upon receipt of verbal or written request to the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation at 333 Queen Street, Suite #300, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, (808) 587-1966 or may be obtained from the Internet web-site address www.chawaii.gov/dlnr/dbor/borrules.html. The meeting locations are disability accessible. If special needs are required, please call Mrs. Vivian Koyanagi at 587-1966 at least 72 hours prior to the intended meeting.

*Schedule of meetings statewide:

Oahu: October 25, 2005 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at:
Jefferson Intermediate School Cafeteria (Waikiki)
Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

October 26, 2005 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at:
King Intermediate School Cafeteria (Kaneohe)

Waianae District Park (City & County)
Haleiwa Surf Center at Alii Beach Park

Maui: October 27, 2005 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at:
King Kamehameha III School Cafeteria (Lahaina)

Kauai: October 27, 2005 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at:
Chiefess Kamakahelei School Cafeteria (Lihue)

Hawaii: October 27, 2005 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at:
State Office Building Conference Rooms A, B, and C (Hilo)
Kealahou High School Cafeteria (Kona)

Peter T. Young, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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